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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Monday, November 2, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.
PLACE:	Division of Professional Regulation 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Conference Room A Cannon Bldg., Dover, Delaware 19901
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	January 4, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Gary Johnson, Professional Member, President
Dr. Mark Fleming, Professional Member, Vice-President
Dr. Steve Eichel, Professional Member
Dr. Rick Brokaw, Professional Member
Joan McDonough, Public Member
Andrew Slater, Public Member
Lee Wheeler, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Eleanor Allione, Public Member
Dr. Marcia Halperin, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Judy Letterman, Administrative Specialist
Catherine Hickey, Deputy Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT

Elisa Taylor
Michael Taylor
Earl Walker
Tamara Perry

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Fleming, seconded by Ms. McDonough, to approve the minutes as amended. The motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rule to Show Cause Hearings

Tamara Perry

Ms. Hickey stated that today's hearing was in regards to the Board proposal to suspend or revoke the license of Tamara Perry due to non-compliance with the post renewal audit.

Board members were introduced.

Ms. Hickey presented into evidence Board Exhibit 1, a packet of documents including today's hearing notice dated September 24, 2009, a signed certified receipt card from the U.S. postal service, a letter of explanation from Dr. Perry and the results of her audit.

Dr. Perry was sworn in by the Court Reporter, and gave testimony that she did not complete the continuing education based on her interpretation of the Board's law thinking that she had since her license had just been issued, she would not be required for this renewal period. She informed the Board that she realized her interpretation was incorrect and is willing do what needs to be done to keep her license. She also stated that she has not been practice due to maternity leave.

Dr. Fleming asked if she received a letter with her original license which explains the license requirements and she stated she had not received a letter.

The Board went off the record and into deliberations.

The Board went back on the record and asked Dr. Perry if she had taken any continuing education since receiving the audit letter; she had not. The Board went off the record.

The Board went back on the record.

A motion was made by Dr. Eichel, seconded by Dr. Fleming to issue a letter of reprimand, require Dr. Perry to complete 30 ce credits for the prior licensure period ending July 2009, submit the name of a Senior colleague that she can use as a mentor for the current licensure period and if one is not available the Board will recommend someone, and her license will be on probation for 90 days. The motion was unanimously carried.

Elisa Taylor

Ms. Hickey stated that today's hearing was in regards to the Board proposal to suspend or revoke the license of Elisa Taylor due to non-compliance with the post renewal audit.

Board members were introduced.

Ms. Hickey presented into evidence Board Exhibit 1, a packet of documents including today's hearing notice dated September 24, 2009, signed certified receipt card from the U.S. postal service, the August 7, 2009 audit notice, the CE log and audit results and a letter of explanation from Dr. Taylor with certificates of attendance.

Dr. Taylor was sworn in by the Court Reporter, gave testimony that she took a course on July 17th thinking that the new licensure period started on July 1st. As soon as she realized that the license period began on August 1st, she immediately took additional 12 credits and asked the Board to consider them for the previous licensure period.

Dr. Taylor answered questions of the Board.

The Board went off the record and into deliberations.

The Board went on the record.

A motion was made by the Dr. Fleming, seconded by Dr. Eichel to accept the 6 hour course Understanding Personality Disorder and to apply it to July 2009 ce requirement and use the other 6 hours for the next renewal period. The motion was unanimously carried.

Earl Walker

Ms. Hickey stated that today's hearing was in regards to the Board proposal to suspend or revoke the license of Earl Walker due to non-compliance with the post renewal audit.

Board members were introduced.

Ms. Hickey presented into evidence Board Exhibit 1, a packet of documents including the notice of today's hearing dated September 21, 2009, signed certified receipt card from the U.S. postal service, a letter of explanation from Dr. Walker dated August 19, 2009 and the results of the audit.

Dr. Walker was sworn in by the Court Reporter, gave testimony that he has had a difficult couple of years, he wasn't organized due to a divorce, custody battle, moving in and out of his home and that he believed he had the required continuing education but is unable to provide the proof due to his circumstances. He is attempting to obtain free courses and his employer offers CE seminars each month.

Dr. Walker answered question of the Board.

Board went off the record and into deliberation.

The Board went back on the record.

A motion was made by Dr. Fleming, seconded by Mr. Eichel to place Dr. Walker on probation for 6 months, he is required to complete the remaining 28.75 ce for the past renewal period, he is to receive supervision from a senior psychologist, whose name and plan must be submitted to the Board for approval, the plan address the organization plan and how he will obtain ce credits, have an evaluation by any Psychologist in Delaware to determine if he is disorganized and if so if is causing impairment and any need of remediation, none of the ce can be use for the current cycle the supervision plan reported back to the Board monthly with the evaluation to board by end of February.

Sign Decision and Order for Terry McCandies

The Board members in attendance signed the Decision and Order for Terry McCandies and asked that the cover letter state that the 2 year time period to obtain supervision begins when she obtains employment.

Post Renewal Audit Review

The Board reviewed the post renewal audit continuing education and found that John Dettwyler was deficient; a Rule to Show Cause Hearing will be scheduled.

Strategic Plan

Discussion Regarding CE Requirements (Ethics and Online)

The Board discussed adding an ethics requirement for license renewal and considered the different options available to the licensee; online or seminar.

Ms Hickey informed the Board who already have an ethics requirement in place only allow half of their ce requirements from online sources.

The Board will continue the discussion at the next meeting.

The Board amended the agenda to add:

Kwanda Harris

Ms. Harris had submitted a psychological assistant application which was tabled pending additional information. Ms. Fields discovered that Jena Iannuzzelli, the supervising psychologist, was not qualified to supervise Ms. Harris since she had not obtained the 2 years of experience as a psychologist. Ms. Harris was advised to seek a new supervisor and send in a new application.

A motion was made by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Fleming that Ms. Harris be notified that the updated information must be submitted for review for the January meeting or she must withdraw her application. The motion was unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Initial Application for Psychologist

A motion was made by Dr. Brokaw, seconded by Mr. Eichel to table the application of Rachel Brandenburg pending a complete form with accurate time and supervision. The motion was carried by Dr. Johnson, Ms. McDonough, Mr. Slater, Dr. Eichel, Dr. Brokaw, Ms. Wheeler. Dr. Fleming abstained

Review of Application to Sit for EPPP Examination

No applications to review.

Review of Application for Licensure by Reciprocity

A motion was made by Dr. Fleming, seconded by Ms. McDonough to approve the application of Jessica Desrosiers. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Dr. Fleming, seconded by Dr. Eichel to approve the application of Kimberly Wasserman. The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Application for Psychological Assistant Registration

There were no applications to review.

Complaint Update

No updates

Correspondence

The Board reviewed the correspondence from ADPPB informing the Board that they had moved to Atlanta Georgia.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (DISCUSSION ONLY)

There was no other business before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date is scheduled for January 4, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dr. Fleming, seconded by Dr. Eichel, to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. The motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Letterman, Administrative Specialist
Board of Examiners of Psychologists